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Applicant: Daniel A. Erlanson et al. Docket No.: 39750-0001A  
Serial No.: 09/990,421 Group Art Unit: 1639  
Filing Date: November 21, 2001 Examiner: Epperson, Jon D.  
For: **EXTENDED TETHERING APPROACH FOR RAPID  
IDENTIFICATION OF LIGANDS**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MS: AMENDMENT**  
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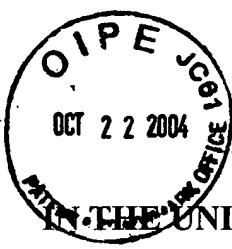
Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on June 16, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, and is filed within the three month statutory period set for the response. Hence, no fees are believed to be due.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.



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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In Response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment issued September 22, 2004 and setting a one-month term, enclosed is an Amendment and Response to Office Action, which serves to replaced the Amendment and Response filed on September 2, 2004. The earlier response was found to be non-compliant since the term "earlier presented" was held to be no a proper identifier. The phrase objected to is no longer present in the claims, and the present amendment is believed to be in full compliance with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Please charge any fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Attorney Docket No.: 39750-0001A. Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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